

Front and back album of "Missile Duty's Pleasin'"

by the Croobers (Photocopy)

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MISSILE DUTY'S PLEASIN'..



THE GROOBERS

SIDE ONE

1. THERE ARE NO MISSILEMEN DOWN IN HELL	(2:25)
There are hippy agitators And a dozen navigators	
2. LITTLE BOXES	(2:10)
There are green ones and green ones And green ones and green ones	
3. THE BORN LOSER	(2:57)
Each night I ask my attorney without fail "Why must I be a crew member in jail?"	
4. SAT TROOP LULLABY	(2:15)
A tour or two at Tango A tour or three at "I"	
5. THE CREW THAT NEVER RETURNED	(2:47)
They may drive forever On the plains of Nebraska	
6. THE PLAINS	(2:56)
I knew we'd soon be lovers 'Twas something we could not deny	

1. THE BALL
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The following notes are by Eugene Hicks, former Missile Combat Crew Commander, who has recently come out of seclusion to manage The Groobers performances.

The Groobers made their first appearance in March 1974 as a trio made up of Rollie Stoneman, Butch Theisen, and Malcolm McCown. They entertained primarily in each other's living rooms until November of that year when they performed at the Minuteman Muster, a local variety show, and were a smashing success. In March 1975 Wally Odd (often referred to as Odd, Wally) joined the group. Because he brought with him a PA system and microphones, Wally was instantly looked upon with great favor.

Since that time, The Groobers have been in constant demand (often by the OSI). They have performed at many base and community functions, including appearances at Olympic Arena '75, the Cheyenne Frontier Days Coronation Ball, and the grand opening of the newly remodeled men's room at Nick's Pizzaria and Transmission Shop. In the past year The Groobers have played for at least nine General officers, two of whom publicly admitted to having actually been entertained.

The motto of The Groobers is "If they can't take a joke, they shouldn't have signed up" or "What good is a career if you can't put it on the line?" From their auspicious (nay, suspicious) beginning in the Men's Room of The Plains Hotel to the present time, the so-called songs they sing bear out these thoughts. The Groobers' extensive repertoire includes, along with many folk-rock tunes, such hits as "The Ballad of Mean Gene" (the story of a young officer who entered the missile field and turned prematurely gay), "On The Line" (which tells it like it really is), and "Home In The Hole" (self explanatory). This album also includes "The Plains", an affectionate tribute to the place where they played to their first standing-room-only crowd.

The members at F. E. Ward crew experienced guitar and banjo. Captain Ward and First Lieutenant rope, and gun. With the exception by Wally O'Dell, Rollie Stone worked with the driver for the sweetest guitar arrangement like the way you love that name connected with all of you and enjoy .

* Captain E. Hick
or anyone else

or anyone else is purely coincidental. We won't tell if you won't.

Eugene Mean Gene Hicks * Captain (Retired)

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With the exception of SATI, I too play laundry, which was penned by Wall Y Odd, all the songs on this album were written by Robbie Stone man, the poet of the esthetic curtain. Having worked with these four darlings as booking agent and bus driver for the past nine months, I can say that they are the sweetest guys I've ever known. We have such a peachy arrangement. I just love the way they play and sing, and they like the way I do their laundry. Anyway, The Groobers (I just love that name) have put together an album to which anyone connected with ICBMs can relate. Of course, I'd like to relate to all of you big strong mississippies. Oh well, play this record and enjoy . . . ENJOY!

The members of the group are all Minuteman Launch Officers at F.E. Warren Air Force Base and have a total of 14 years crew experience. They are: Captain Rolland Sionemam, 12-string guitar and banjo; Captain Malcolm McCown, 12-string guitar and banjo; Captain Wallace Odd, vocal chords, spoons, and wood block; and First Lieutenant George Theisen, wash tub with stick and rope, and guitar.

Eugene Hicks, former Mississauga Mayor, has recently come out of



(2:25) 1. THE BALLAD OF MEAN GENE
Missile duty's, Please,
I never will be leavein',
2. HOME IN THE HOLE
Where seldom is heard
An ungarbled word
3. NOVEMBER
I was drivin', way out to November
A trip of a hundred or so
4. COMIN' BACK TO YOU (Mainstream Lament)
I know I promised that I'd have this
special day at home
But you've heard those words so many
times before

(2:27) 5. ON THE LINE
SAC keeps a close watch
on this life of mine
(2:12)